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SUBJECT: FY-76 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM

1. IVP INVITEE LUIS YANEZ BARNUEVO A YOUNG BUT IMPORTANT
MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SOCIALIST PSOE RES-
PONSIBLE FOR PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND RIGHT
HAND MAN OF PSOE FIRST SECRETARY FELIPE GONZALEZ,
WISHES TRAVEL TO U.S. FROM SEPTEMBER 12 TO SEPTEMBER 26

2. YANEZ IS THE FIRST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER AND
THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN PSOE TO VISIT U.S. ON
LEADER GRANT. (THE PSOE IS SPAIN'S MOST IMPORTANT
SOCIALIST GROUPING AND THE ONLY SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY
BELONGING TO THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL.) HE WILL
ONLY BE ABLE TO STAY IN U.S. FOR TWO WEEKS, INASMUCH
AS HIS PARTY OBLIGATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE PREPARATIONS
FOR PSOE OCTOBER PARTY CONGRESS, WILL PREVENT HIM
FROM REMAINING IN THE US FOR A LONGER PERIOD. DUE
TO HIS IMPORTANCE, EMBASSY REQUEST THAT PRIORITY
BE GRANTED YANEZ IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE
SEPTEMBER 12 TRAVEL, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT ON
GROUNDS OF POLITICAL IMPORTANCE APPROVE
ABRE-
VIATED TWO WEEK PROGRAM IN LIEU OF NORMAL FOUR WEEK
PROGRAM, SINCE LATTER IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR YANEZ.

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3. AN EXCELLENT PROGRAM FOR YANEZ COULD BE BUILT

AROUND STOPS IN WASHINGTON, SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW YORK.

YANEZ WOULD LIKE EMPHASIS TO BE PRIMARILY POLITICAL, WITH PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE LAID ON MECHANICS OF U.S. ELECTION CAMPAIGN PARTICULARLY AT THE CONGRESSIONAL LEVEL. YANEZ WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MEET SEVERAL PERSONS WHOM HE HAS MET DURING THEIR RECENT VISITS TO MADRID, INCLUDING BRIAN ATWOOD (LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT TO SENATOR THOMAS EAGLETON) AND CARL GERSHMAN (EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, U.S.A 112 EAST 19TH ST NEW YORK). HE WOULD HOPE ATWOOD TO THE EXTENT CONGRESSMEN ARE AVAILABLE WOULD HELP IN THIS END OF THE PROGRAMMING. ONE PERSONAL INTEREST OF YANEZ IS ALSO THE U.S. MEDICAL FIELD SINCE YANEZ IS AN OBSTETRICIAN GYNECOLOGIST BY PROFESSION (ALTHOUGH HE PUT ASIDE HIS MEDICAL PRACTICE A YEAR AGO TO DEVOTE HIMSELF FULL TIME TO PARTY ACTIVITIES), AND HE THEREFORE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT ONE OR TWO HOSPITALS.

4. EMBASSY URGES MAXIMUM EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE YANEZ ON TWO WEEK PROGRAM COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 13. PLEASE RESPOND ASAP. BIODATA AND MORE DETAILED PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY.
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